

- (3) participation in a motor vehicle theft protection plan;
 - (4) insurance to reimburse the retail buyer for the amount computed by subtracting the proceeds of the buyer's basic collision policy on the motor vehicle from the amount owed on the vehicle if the vehicle has been rendered a total loss;
 - (5) a warranty or service contract relating to the motor vehicle;
 - (6) an identity recovery service contract; ~~or~~
 - (7) a debt cancellation agreement if the agreement is included as a term of a retail installment contract under Section 348.124; *or*
 - (8) *a trade-in credit agreement.*
- (c) Notwithstanding any other law, service contracts, ~~and~~ debt cancellation agreements, *and trade-in credit agreements* sold by a retail seller of a motor vehicle to a retail buyer are not subject to Chapter 101 or 226, Insurance Code.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 9, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SUPERVISION OF OUTDOOR BURNING OF WASTE CONSISTING OF PLANT GROWTH

CHAPTER 478

H.B. No. 2386

AN ACT

relating to volunteer firefighter supervision of outdoor burning of waste consisting of plant growth.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 382.018(d), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The commission may not control or prohibit outdoor burning of waste consisting of trees, brush, grass, leaves, branch trimmings, or other plant growth if:

(1) the person burning the waste is doing so at a site:

(A) designated for consolidated burning of waste generated from specific residential properties;

(B) located in a county with a population of less than 50,000;

(C) located outside of a municipality; and

(D) supervised at the time of the burning by:

(i) an employee of a fire department who is part of the fire protection personnel, as defined by Section 419.021, Government Code, of the department and is acting in the scope of the person's employment; *or*

(ii) *a volunteer firefighter acting in the scope of the firefighter's volunteer duties;*
and

(2) the waste was generated from a property for which the site is designated.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 20, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF A WAGE CLAIM TO THE
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

CHAPTER 479

H.B. No. 2443

AN ACT

relating to the electronic submission of a wage claim to the Texas Workforce Commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 61.051(d), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The employee may file the wage claim:

- (1) in person at an office of the commission;
- (2) by mailing the claim to an address designated by the commission;
- (3) by faxing the claim to a fax number designated by the commission; ~~or~~
- (4) *electronically in a manner designated by the commission by rule; or*
- (5) by any other means adopted by the commission by rule.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2017, the Texas Workforce Commission shall adopt rules for the administration of Section 61.051(d), Labor Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a wage claim that is filed with the Texas Workforce Commission on or after January 1, 2018. A wage claim filed before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date that the claim was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2017: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective September 1, 2017.

**DEFINITION OF COERCION FOR PURPOSES OF THE
OFFENSE OF TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS**

CHAPTER 480

H.B. No. 2529

AN ACT

relating to the definition of coercion for purposes of the offense of trafficking of persons.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 20A.02, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) *For purposes of Subsection (a)(3), "coercion" as defined by Section 1.07 includes destroying, concealing, confiscating, or withholding from the trafficked person, or threatening to destroy, conceal, confiscate, or withhold from the trafficked person, the trafficked person's actual or purported:*